UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

JOAN MANUEL HICIANO-LIZARDO,

Defendant.

**ORDER** 

25 Cr. 223 (PGG)

PAUL G. GARDEPHE, U.S.D.J.:

The next status conference in this matter will take place on **July 22, 2025, at**10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 705 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York.

At today's conference, Defendant requested that the bail conditions set by Magistrate Judge Aaron be modified to provide for two cosigners on the personal recognizance bond rather than three. With the consent of the Government, that modification is made. All other conditions set by Judge Aaron remain in place.

This Order is further entered, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5(f), to remind the Government of its disclosure obligations under <u>Brady v. Maryland</u>, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and its progeny, and to summarize the potential consequences of violating those obligations.

The Government must disclose to the defense all information "favorable to an accused" that is "material either to guilt or to punishment" and that is known to the Government.

Id. at 87. This obligation applies regardless of whether the information would itself constitute admissible evidence. The Government shall disclose such information to the defense promptly after its existence becomes known to the Government so that the defense may make effective use of the information in the preparation of its case.

As part of its disclosure obligations, the Government must disclose any information that can be used to impeach the trial testimony of a Government witness within the meaning of <u>Giglio v. United States</u>, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), and its progeny. Such information must be disclosed sufficiently in advance of trial in order for the defendants to make effective use of it at trial or at such other time as the Court may order.

The Government's disclosure obligations are continuing in nature and apply to materials that become known to the Government in the future. If information is subject to disclosure pursuant to this Order, it must be disclosed regardless of whether the Government credits the information.

In the event that the Government believes that compliance with this Order would compromise witness safety, victim rights, national security, a sensitive law enforcement technique, or any other substantial government interest, it may apply for a modification of this Order.

For purposes of this Order, the "Government" includes all current or former federal, state, and local prosecutors, and other law enforcement officers, who have participated in the instant prosecution of, or in the investigation that led to the instant prosecution of, the defendants. The Government has an affirmative obligation to seek from such sources all information subject to disclosure under this Order.

If the Government fails to comply with this Order – in addition to ordering production of the information – the Court may:

- (1) specify the terms and conditions of such production;
- (2) grant a continuance;
- (3) impose evidentiary sanctions;
- (4) impose sanctions on any responsible lawyer for the Government;

- (5) dismiss charges before trial or vacate a conviction after trial or a guilty plea; or
- (6) enter any other order that is just under the circumstances.

Dated: May 20, 2025

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

United States District Judge